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1. INDOCHINA

AMCITS HELD AT SAVANNAKHET 9 DAYS RELEASED, FLOWN TO THAILAND. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAYS EVACUATION AMERICANS FROM LAOS WILL BEGIN 5/23 BY CHARTERED JET (CSM). SECSTATE AT ANKARA SAYS WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION AMERICANS IN LAOS BECAUSE OF HARASSMENT BY LEFTISTS. WH SAYS AID TO UNCLASSIFIED

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LAOS WILL BE ON "RESTRICTED BASIS," AND LAO GOVT HAS NOTIFIED EMBASSY IT WOULD RENEGOTIATE 1951 AGREEMENT ON ECON ASSISTANCE. PL APPARENTLY HAVE IN MIND CONTINUATION OF ECON, POSSIBLY MIL, AID BUT CHANNELED DIRECTLY TO COALI-

TION; DOUBTFUL US WILLING PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITHOUT SUPERVISION. EVACUATION PERSONNEL FROM SAVANNAKHET MARKS CLOSURE ALL AID PROVINCIAL OFFICES (PHINQ).

THREE AMERICANS REMAIN HELD IN US COMPOUND VIENTIANE. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAYS HUNDREDS OF AMCITS WOULD BE FLOWN OUT IN NEAR FUTURE. RELEASE OF AMERICANS IN SAVANNAKHET CAME AFTER NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND INTERIOR MINISTER SENT BY SOUVANNA. ABOUT 400 AMERICANS CONFINED TO MAIN HOUSING COMPOUND SOUTH OF VIENTIANE, WITH PL GUARDS SEARCHING CARS LEAVING AND GRABBING VALUABLES (SUN). WAVE OF ANTI-US SENTIMENT HAS SWEEPED ACROSS LAOS IN WAKE OF COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN CAMBODIA, SVN. SOUVANNA SAYS WILL BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS TO END ALL AID OPERATIONS IN COUNTRY. GOVT SPOKESMAN STATES HOUSING COMPOUND AT KILOMETER 6 BEING GUARDED TO PROTECT AMERICANS, BUT EMBASSY SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED TROOPS' PRESENCE AS HARASSMENT (UPI NYDN, CHITRIB). STUDENTS SEEK END TO 32 MILLION DOL PER YR AID PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES MAINSTAY OF LAOTIAN ECONOMY; THEY DEMAND AID EMPLOYEES GET OUT, LEAVE PERSONAL AND GOVT PROPERTY BEHIND, BUT THEY WANT CONTINUED US HELP (CHITRIB).

AMERICANS IN LAOS PACK WHILE PLANES STAND BY, BUT LITTLE TENSION IN SLEEPY VIENTIANE. NO AMCITS HARMED, BUT SUFFER MINOR HARASSMENT. GOVT SAYS HOPES CONTINUATION "DIRECT" US AID, PRESUMABLY MEANING WITH NO STRINGS AND WITHOUT OFFICIALS TO ADMINISTER. US OFFICIALS SPECULATE ON WHY GOVT LEFT FOR DEMONSTRATORS TO PRESSURE USAID OFFICES CLOSURE WHEN COULD HAVE DONE SAME THING THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS; SOME THINK PURPOSE TO CREATE SOLIDARITY, OTHERS BELIEVE ACTION DUE TO EXTREME DISTRUST US (SOUTHERLAND, CSM). ABOUT 80 AMCITS EXPECTED LEAVE ON FIRST EVAC FLIGHT. NO PLANS YET TO REDUCE EMBASSY, USIS STAFFS; BUT DAO WILL BE CUT BACK SHARPLY SINCE ADMINISTERS MIL AID TO RIGHTISTS, AND WITH PL ON VERGE OF FULL CONTROL, ROLE OF RIGHTIST MIL FORCES WILL SOON BE ELIMINATED (SIMONS, WP). US AT REQUEST OF LAOTIAN GOVT AGREES END ALL USAID ACTIV-
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ITIES OUTSIDE VIENTIANE, NEGOTIATE FOR COMPLETE TERMINATION AGENCY'S PROGRAMS. UNRESOLVED QUESTION IS WHETHER US WOULD FEEL CONSTRAINED WITHDRAW FROM FOREIGN EXCHANGE SUPPORT FUND, MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISE THAT IS PRINCIPAL SOURCE FOR LAOS; WITHOUT FUND, LAOS VIRTUALLY INCAPABLE BUYING ON WORLD MARKET. IF US WITHDRAWS, OTHER NATIONS, ESPECIALLY JAPAN, MAY FOLLOW SUIT (ANDELMAN, NYT).

FRG MAGAZINE "STERN" SAYS US RESCUED MAYAGUEZ BECAUSE SHIP CARRYING CONTAINERS TOP-SECRET CIA DATA AND EQUIPMENT FROM SAIGON (REUTER, NYT, SUN). WH DENIES MAYAGUEZ CARRYING CIA FILES, SAYS SHIP HAD CARRIED SOME "ADMINISTRATIVE MATERIAL" FROM US EMBASSY SAIGON TO HK BEFORE SVN

FALL. SEA-LAND SPOKESMAN CALLS "STERN" STORY "IRRESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM" (NYT).

KHMER ROUGE FORCES BEGIN ASSAULT ON HOLDOUT GKR TROOPS IN CLIFF-TOP TEMPLE AT PREAH VIHAR, NEAR THAI BORDER. OVER 100 COMMUNIST-LED TROOPS ATTACK ESTIMATED 30 FANK (PHINQ; UPI NYT, NYDN). SITUATION APPEARS CRITICAL FOR HOLDOUTS, WHO HAVE BEATEN BACK SEVERAL SMALLER A-"AULTS SINCE PP

FELL (WP). UPI BANGKOK QUOTES THAI OFFICIALS THAT KHMER ROUGE SOLDIERS HAVE SEIZED TEMPLE.

FEW FISHERMEN WHO ESCAPED SAY ALL 1000 RESIDENTS KOH KONG ISLAND WERE TAKEN AWAY AFTER BEING SURPRISED BY KHMER ROUGE TROOPS WHO SAID THEY WOULD GROW RICE (AFP, NYT; WP).

IN PYONGYANG SPEECH, SIHANOUK ACCUSES US OF BOMBING CAMBODIA 3 HRS AFTER MAYAGUEZ RECOVERY; ADDS GRUNK NEVER INFORMED OF DIPLOMATIC STEPS USG SAID TAKING TO SECURE CAPTURED SHIP'S RELEASE (UPI WP, CHITRIB).

SVN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SHUTS DOWN AS FORMER AMB PHUONG HANDS DOS KEYS TO ACT AS TEMPORARY CARETAKER. VIET EMBASSY EMPLOYEES ALLOWED REMAIN IN US, ACCORDING DOS, WHICH HAS MADE NO DECISION ON WHETHER ALGERIANS WILL BE ALLOWED ACT AS PROTECTIVE POWER AS REQUESTED BY SAIGON (SHAFFER, WP).

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GOVT ORDER BANNING SALE, POSSESSION OF LITERATURE PUBLISHED UNDER FORMER REGIME CLOSES DOWN ALMOST ALL BOOKSTORES, STALLS IN SAIGON (UPI NYDN, NYT, WP). OFFICIAL PAPER SAYS VILLAGERS IN 2 INSTANCES TOOK REVENGE AGAINST FORMER OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SEARCH IN PHUOC LONG FOR "WICKED" PERSONS IN HIDING WHO WORKED FOR US AND FORMER GOVTS; NO INDICATION GIVEN FATE OF THOSE INVOLVED (UPI WP, NYT). SVN'S NEW COURSE SEEMS BACK TO SOIL AS GOVT SPREADS WORD TO CITY DWELLERS THAT FAMILIES WELCOME BACK AT ANCESTRAL VILLAGES (AP WP, NYT). GOVT NEWSPAPER SAYS PROGRAM BEGUN RESETTLE REFUGEES, RETURN CITY DWELLERS TO COUNTRYSIDE, AND FEED POOR (UPI, NYT).

WITH JOBLESSNESS, MONEY FLOW HALTED, PROSPECTS OF RETURN TO SOIL PROBABLY LOOKS GOOD TO SOME. NO ESTIMATE NUMBERS WHO RETURNED TO COUNTRYSIDE FROM CITIES AVAILABLE, BUT MUST BE IN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS. COMMUNISTS IN SVN MOVING ACHIEVE TOTAL CONTROL OF POPULATION; MOST OBVIOUS WAY HAS BEEN PERMEATING CITIES BY MIXING SOLDIERS WITH POPULATION AND BILLETING IN PRIVATE HOMES. PRECINCT COMMITTEES BEING SET UP TO INDOCTRINATE HOUSEHOLDERS AND RALLIES BEING HELD (AP, PHINQ). SAIGON MIL AUTHORITIES

METE OUT INSTANT, SOMETIMES HARSH JUSTICE TO THIEVES, WRONGDOERS AS ANSWER TO CRIME WAVE (MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S WOOLLACOTT, WP). VN-BOUND SUPPLIES SCATTERED ACROSS PAC, CREATE TANGLE AFTER COLLAPSE. GETTING PILEUP STRAIGHTENED OUT WILL TAKE MONTHS, WHILE LEGAL QUESTIONS MAY REQUIRE YRS TO SETTLE (MCARTHUR, LAT 5/22).

FED JUDGE ORDERS INS CHECK VIET ORPHANS TO BE CERTAIN PARENTS NOT LIVING (NYT; WSJ; WP). AMB BROWN TELLS HOUSE JUDICIARY SUBCOMM ABOUT 1000 VIET REFUGEES WANT RETURN HOME (BINDER, NYT). APPEALS TO RETURN HOME NOT RESULT CHANGE-OF-HEART ABOUT US, MADE BECAUSE REFUGEES "SWEPT ALONG" BY EXODUS DURING CHAOS BUT NEVER INTENDED COME HERE (NORDHEIMER, NYT). INS OFFICIALS DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH REFUGEES WHO FAIL RECEIVE SECURITY CLEARANCES, SINCE CAN'T SEND THEM BACK AND CAN'T RELEASE THEM FROM USG CONTROL (UPI, WP). AMB BROWN TELLS CONGRESS SAI-GON BEING DIFFICULT ABOUT READMITTING SOUTH VIETS WHO FLED AND WANT RETURN HOME. UNHCR ATTEMPTING ARRANGE PROCEDURES UNCLASSIFIED

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(REUTER, WP).

US MONEY DEALER WHO BUYS GOLD, FOREIGN CURRENCIES FROM VIET REFUGEES IN CHAFFEE, EGLIN, SAYS MOST NOT DESTITUTE (AP, WP). VIET-RELATED GROUPS IN US, INCLUDING LONG-TIME RESIDENTS AND AMCITS WITH VIET WIVES, SET UP "VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN CRISIS COMMITTEE" IN CHICAGO TO OFFER REFUGEES HELP (PRESS, CSM). SUN'S MARTIN AND NYDN'S SINGLETON CARRY HUMAN-INTEREST STORIES OF VIET REFUGEE FAMILIES TRYING ADJUST TO NEW LIFE.

2. KOREA

KIM IL-SUNG ARRIVED BUCHAREST THURSDAY, GREETED BY OVER 100,000 STUDENTS, WORKERS. FIRST VISIT EUR BY NK LEADER IN 19 YEARS. DIPLOMATS SAY KIM INTENDS VISIT OTHER EUR CAPITALS, SOME NON-ALIGNED NATIONS, BUT SO FAR ONLY KNOW DEPARTS ROMANIA SATURDAY. COMMUNIST SOURCES SAY KIM ENCOURAGED TRY UNITE KOREA BY COLLAPSE VN, CAMBODIA; MAY BE SOUNDING OUT REACTIONS TO POSSIBLE RENEWAL FIGHTING IN KOREA (WP, BUCHAREST).

LAT'S TOTH IN MOSCOW (5/22) SAYS NK FM HO DAM MADE UNANNOUNCED VISIT THERE EARLY MAY, ACCORDING DIPLOMATIC SOURCES. BELIEVED TRIED ARRANGE KIM IL-SUNG STATE VISIT. FACT VISIT NOT MENTIONED IN PRESS UNTIL AFTER HO DAM FLEW TO ROMANIA WHERE GREETED BY CEAUSESCU, SUGGESTS TO DIPLOMATS FAILED PERSUADE MOSCOW INVITE KIM NOW.

3. PHILIPPINES

INFORMED SOURCES MANILA SAID THURSDAY MOSLEM REBELS ATTACKED PLATOON GOP MARINES ON JOLO ISLAND, KILLING 11,

WOUNDING 17 (WP).

4. INDONESIA

PERTAMINA JOINT-VENTURE PARTNER PHILLIPS PETROLEUM RE-
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PORTED THURSDAY THIRD DISCOVERY LOW SULFUR OIL ON SALAWAT
ISLAND, IN IRIAN JAYA. FLOW EXCEEDS TEST EQUIPMENT CA-
PACITY OF 10,500 BBL/DAY (JOC, BARTLESVILLE, OKLA).
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5. THAILAND

THAILAND, NVN BEGIN TALKS IN BANGKOK FRIDAY. NO INDICATION
HOW GOING (REUTER, NYT). RTG SOURCES SAY CONDUCTED IN
"VERY CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE," RAISING HOPE NO PROBLEMS FOR
NORMALIZATION; TOLD NVN DELEGATION ISSUE OF PLANES,
EQUIPMENT BROUGHT IN BY SVIETS ALREADY DISCUSSED WITH PRG
(WP).

US TRANSPORTING AMMO FROM TWO DEACTIVATED BASES IN NE TO
SATTAHIP, ACCORDING INFORMED SOURCES (AFP, WP).

AMB ANANT, RECALLED FROM US, TOLD PRESS BELIEVES ADMIN RE-
JECTS CONGRESSIONAL VIEW END VN WAR REMOVES NEED US
TROOPS IN THAILAND (WP; UPI, NYT).

6. CHINA

CHINESE WOMEN JAVELIN, DISCUS VICTORS IN US/PRC SHANGHAI
TRACK/FIELD MEET THURSDAY BEFORE CAPACITY CROWD OF 30,000
AS IN CANTON LAST WEEKEND, INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP WAS
STILL THEME WITH NO FLAGS, NATIONAL ANTHEMS, TEAM SCORES--
BUT RESULTS ANNOUNCED OVER LOUD SPEAKER (AP SUN, NYT).
UPI (SHANGHAI) REPORTS PRC TRACK/FIELD ATHLETES IMPROVING
BECOMING TOUGHER, AND US CONTINGENT EXPECTS STRONGEST
COMPETITION IN PEKING MONDAY AGAINST CHINESE "FIRST TEAM"
OF NATIONAL ATHLETES (PHINQ).

NCNA REPORT SHARPLY ATTACKS US, CLAIMING AMERICAN IMAGE
THOROUGHLY BLACKENED BY OWN GUNBOATS' SMOKE IN MAYAGUEZ
AFFAIR (REUTER, WP).

US, ROC SIGN AGREEMENT LIMITING TAIWAN'S TEXTILE EXPORTS
TO US DURING THREE YEARS ENDING 12/31/77 (WSJ).

7. JAPAN

SATO MOVED EARLY FRIDAY FROM RESTAURANT TO JIKEI U HOSPITAL
AFTER EMERGENCY TRACHEOTOMY IN RESTAURANT TO CLEAR THROAT,
EASE BREATHING (AP, NYT; REUTER, SUN). DOCTORS SAY DE-
CIDED ON MOVE TO TREAT POST-OPERATIVE CONVULSION. SATO

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STILL IN COMA, CONDITION "SERIOUS" (UPI, NYDN; WP; PHINQ).

JAPAN, CANADA AGREED THURSDAY CONTINUE SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL INFO EXCHANGES, AFTER TWO DAYS CONSULTATIONS TOKYO (AFP,WP).

LEE KUAN YEW ARRIVED TOKYO MONDAY TO DISCUSS "POST-INDO-CHINA" BALANCE OF POWER IN SEA WITH GOJ OFFICIALS. LATER IN WEEK TOLD "CONFIDENT" JAPAN WILL SUPPORT SINGAPORE ECON DEVELOPMENT. SOURCES SAID GOS HOPES GET ARAB SUPPORT FOR 800 MILLION DOL PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX TO BE BUILT AS

8. AUSTRALIA

GOA THURSDAY INTRODUCED BILL TO CREATE COMPREHENSIVE NEW CODE GOVERNING FOREIGN ACQUISITION AUSSIE FIRMS, MINERAL RIGHTS. ALSO SEEKS BAN DEVICES NOW USED GET AROUND EXISTING LAW (JOC, CANBERRA).

9. NEW ZEALAND

CHAIRMAN DENTON TELLS ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING IN SYDNEY THAT FRENCH-OWNED FIRM ACQUITAINE PLANS SHARPLY INCREASE NZ OIL EXPLORATION, AS CUTS DOWN PROJECTS IN AUSTRALIA (JOC, AUCKLAND).

10. DIEGO GARCIA

MANSFIELD OPPOSES ENLARGEMENT USN BASE, FORCING FIGHT ON ISSUE SINCE SAYS NOW NO TIME MAKE MAJOR NEW COMMITMENT WHILE ADMIN, CONGRESS ENGAGED IN REAPPRAISAL FO US FOREIGN POLICY (FINNEY, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. INDOCHINA

CSM FEELS LATEST COMBAT CASUALTIES IN MAYAGUEZ RESCUE MORE THAN JUSTIFY EARLIER SCHLESINGER CHARACTERIZATION OF MISSION'S COST AS "SUBSTANTIAL" IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

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HARVARD'S RAOUL BERGER (IN NYT) CONSIDERS IT REPROACH TO CONGRESS THAT, HAVING JUST SHAKEN US LOOSE FROM DISASTROUS VN WAR, "SUSTAINED IN NO SMALL PART BY CONGRESSIONAL ACQUIESCENCE," IT IS READY TO APPROVE PRES' EXERCISE OF ITS OWN POWER IN MAYAGUEZ RESCUE, CARRIED AWAY BY WAVE OF "RALLY

ROUND THE FLAG" FEVER (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WSTAR'S DOWLING (5/22) CHARGES AMB MARTIN'S ROLE IN SVN'S FINAL AGONY OF EVACUATION WAS BUT ANOTHER EXTENSION OF US DECEPTION IN VN--PRACTICED THIS TIME ON OUR OWN LOYAL EMPLOYEES, US AND SVN ALIKE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYDN ADVISES TIME TO GET OUT OF LAOS IS NOW, WHILE WE CAN

DO SO IN QUIET, ORDERLY, DIGNIFIED MANNER--AND LET'S SLAM DOOR LOUDLY ON CHEEKY REDS WHO'RE SUGGESTING US CONTINUE SHOWERING AID ON LAOS WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

CSM REPRINTS TIMES OF LONDON EDIT INSISTING WRONG TO SEE RECENT INDOCHINA EVENTS AS BEGINNING OF ASIAN SLIDE INTO "COMMUNISM" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

BOSTON U'S HOWARD ZINN (GLOBE) RECITES MAYAGUEZ "CURIOUS CHRONOLOGY"--FORD ORDERED ATTACK ON KOH TANG, THOUGH DAY BEFORE TOLD SENATE MAYAGUEZ CREWMEN BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT ISLAND; CREW FREED, ON WAY BACK, HALF HOUR BEFORE US ASSAULT BEGAN; WHY, WITH SHIP AND CREW RECOVERED, DID US BOMB CAMBODIAN MAINLAND TWICE?

12. THAILAND

WITH RTG "LITERALLY PUNCHY" AFTER BEING HIT TOO OFTEN, TOO HARD IN SHORT PERIOD, ELEGANT (LAT 5/22) BELIEVES ITS PERCEPTION OF NATL INTEREST "CONFUSED"; SEES RTG "STAGGERING", AND TRYING CONCILIATE HARD-HITTING NEARBY COMMUNISTS AT ANY COST. WHILE NOT YET CRAWLING, POSTURE NOT FAR OFF.

13. NEW ZEALAND

CSM'S WEDERELL IN WELLINGTON NOTES PROSPECTORS' SEARCH FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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OIL SNAGGED--DRILLING BEHIND SCHEDULE DUE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES AND FURTHER DISCOURAGED BY RESTRICTIVE GNZ POLICY OF PARTICIPATING IN ALL DEVELOPMENT, BUT NOT EXPLORATION.

14. GENERAL

CSM SPECIAL (SINGAPORE) CAUTIONS THAT SEA NATIONS FACE GRAVE POLITICAL/ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN ADJUSTING TO NEW CLIMATE IN AREA. STRATEGY OF BUILDING OWN NATL ECONOMIES WHILE US LOOKED AFTER LARGER POLITICAL PROBLEMS DID WORK--BUT NOW THREATENED BY US WITHDRAWAL.

15. KOREA

MIDDLETON (NYT) CITES US MIL ANALYSTS THAT NK MOVED ELEMENTS OF TWO ARMORED DIVISIONS CLOSE TO DMZ DURING LAST TWO WEEKS OF VN CAMPAIGN, EXPANDED TUNNELING OPERATIONS. ANALYSTS BELIEVE MOVES REPRESENT FUNDAMENTAL NK MISREADING US POSITION IN SK, THAT FAILS LINK US TACTICAL INVOLVEMENT WITH STRATEGIC INTEREST IN JAPAN. ANALYSTS ALSO DETECT NEW CONFIDENCE ON PART OF KIM, PERHAPS BASED ON CONCLUSION

US PUBLIC WOULD OPPOSE INVOLVEMENT IN MAINLAND ASIA WAR HOWEVER STRONG COMMITMENT MIGHT BE.

GLOBE'S STORIN IN TOKYO NOTES PRES, SECSTATE CONTINUE REAFFIRM COMMITMENT TO SK IN "CAREFULLY CHOSEN WORDS OF COMFORT". SUGGESTS US EXPLORE MIDDLE-GROUND OPTION TO ENABLE IT STAY OUT OF NEW KOREAN WAR, AND STILL DETER ITS OUTBREAK. KEY MOVE WOULD BE GRADUAL, DELIBERATE US EFFORT TO CONVINCE JAPAN NOW IS TIME PULL FAIR SHARE OF FREE WORLD DEFENSE COMMITMENT, COMBINED WITH GRADUAL REMOVAL US TROOPS FROM KOREA AND BEEFING UP USAF "QUICK STRIKE CAPABILITIES" FROM JAPAN.

16. CHINA

BRADSHER (WSTAR 5/22) SAYS CCPIT IS FINALLY SENDING LONG-PROMISED PRC TRADE MISSION TO US--BUT COMES AT TIME WHEN PEKING HAS STOPPED ORDERING MASSIVE AMOUNTS US GRAINS, COTTON.

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TEN CALIFORNIA BAY AREA EXECUTIVES, JUST RETURNED FROM 4 WEEKS IN PRC, REPORT EXTENSIVE SINO-US TRADE STILL SOME YEARS AWAY. ROC STATUS STILL STUMBLING BLOCK, THEY CONTEND; ALSO, PRC AT PRESENT HAS LITTLE OTHER THAN TEXTILES, ARTS/CRAFTS ARTICLES TO EXCHANGE FOR US GOODS; DEVELOPMENT OF CHINESE OFFSHORE OIL RESERVES STILL 5-10 YEARS AWAY; ALSO, NO INDICATION PRC READY FOR FURTHER STEPS TO IMPROVE OWN LIVING STANDARD (LAT'S LEMBKE, 5/22).

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS, IN PEKING, CITES RECENT PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE EMPHATICALLY REASSERTING PEKING'S INSISTENCE IT WILL REJOIN IOC ONLY IF ROC EXPELLED. BELIEVES THAT BY RELATIVELY UNCOMPETITIVE STANDARDS OF CHINESE ATHLETES WHEN MEASURED AGAINST US, SOVIET PERFORMERS, BEST OLYMPIC TEAM PRC COULD PRODUCE NOW WOULD BE FAR OUTCLASSED. WHILE PEKING OBVIOUSLY WOULD CONSIDER ADMISSION NOW ON ITS OWN TERMS POLITICAL TRIUMPH, PERHAPS SPORTS OFFICIALS WOULD NOT BE ALTOGETHER CHAGRINED BY HAVING MISS NEXT YEAR'S MONTREAL MEET AND PREPARE INSTEAD FOR 1980 GAMES IN MOSCOW; NOBODY DOUBTS BY THEN PEKING WOULD BE ABLE FIELD TEAM CAPABLE WINNING RESPECTABLE NUMBER MEDALS (CSM). KISSINGER

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